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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF TAKSHANUK RIDGE TO GOAT HUNTING

(Juneau) – As of Tuesday, September 18, 2012 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Haines has recorded 1 male goat (1 point) harvested in the 7-mile ridge/Tukgahgo Mt. area of the Takshanuk Mountains. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, the guideline harvest set by ADF&G for this portion of the Takshanuk Mountains is a maximum of 1 point. Because the guideline harvest limit has been reached and the department anticipates additional harvest in the area, an emergency order (01-03-12) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in Tukgahgo Mountain area effective at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2012. This emergency order is for the southern portion of the Takshanuk Mountains, from the northwest saddle of Mount Tukgahgo to the city of Haines.

Hunters are reminded that the remainder of the Takshanuk Mountains and the remainder of GMU 1D, except for those areas previously closed by emergency order, remain open for mountain goat hunting.

If you have any questions about this closure, please call Stephanie Sell at ADF&G in Haines at 766-2830 or Douglas at 465-4266.

